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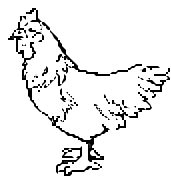
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the West, mostly lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was no better than steady, mostly barely steady. Demand into retail was fair to good, food service was mixed, best for fast food; however, interest was limited in the Midwest where extreme heat was present. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate or available. In the parts structure, trading was limited to fair with regular commitments usually sufficient for needs. Breast items were balanced to close, dark meat was available, and wings were in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/05/02-08/10/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	(Includes branded product)	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		WTD AVG			
Bos/New Eng	45.00-48.00	46.79	14	51.62	38
Chicago	45.00-48.00	47.85	46	50.04	86
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	53.07	22
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.67	9
Denver	68.50	68.49	17	66.14	21
Detroit	49.00-50.00	49.75	12	53.63	47
Los Angeles	69.00	66.32	68	62.59	186
New York	45.00-48.00	47.08	24	50.00	51
Philadelphia	45.00-47.00	46.20	10	47.26	21
Pittsburgh	45.00-48.00	46.91	11	55.39	58
St. Louis	47.00-47.50	47.22	20	49.16	39
San Francisco	69.50	68.15	30	70.56	43

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	08/05/02	Change/Last Wk	07/29/02	08/06/01
621	55.55	-0.19	55.74	61.00

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	52.00-54.00	53.16	35
Central	49.00-57.00	53.68	71
West	47.00-58.00	56.70	45

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.50	62.83	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,153	39.00-66.25	62.52

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	173.50	1,301
BREASTS - B/S	155.50	4,908
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	1,153
THIGH MEAT - B/S	63.50	765
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	9,462
WINGS	50.00	3,237

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were available and wings were fully adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Retail demand following the weekend was light to fair, best where ads and first of the month business was active. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle limited trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in the best position with supplies balanced to well cleared. Dark meat was readily available, and wings remained at least adequate to ample with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's levels. Reported trading for this week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments, new negotiations were mixed. Offerings were adequate to ample with heavier sizes in the longest position. Heavy weight whole body product offered at discounted levels to help stimulate an overall fair buyers' interest, lighter weights however were held with a degree of renewed confidence. Demand was good where features were in progress or planned for later in the week otherwise only fair. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was generally steady on parts. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 17-18 and 4/10s 20-20.25, breast 85-90 bone-in and boneless 142-147. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 50.65 up .68 compared to last week with the volume reported at 31 loads down 6 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices moved lower from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole fryers was barely steady. Offerings were ample on 3 and up sizes and sufficient on smaller weights. Movement into all channels was mixed, slow to instances fairly good; areas affected by hot, humid weather conditions were noting very limited demand. Floor stocks adequate to long. Weights were in a satisfactory range. Parts trading was very light as regular commitments generally satisfy trade needs. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and leg quarters, steady on balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light and unaggressive with the bulk of current activity centering around previous commitments. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were trimmed in some instances and were generally moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, breasts items were about adequate to adequate; dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings were fully adequate to ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	39-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.46
NO. OF BOXES	11,943

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings remained available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair. The market tone was about steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
		TRADING	AVG	LBS
BREAST - B/S		145-150	151.58	550,240
TENDERLOINS		95-100	105.57	294,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS		76-77	82.77	101,000
BREAST - LINE RUN		76	78.86	210,240
LEGS		31-32	28.57	153,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		17-18	18.29	416,640
DRUMSTICKS		29-30	29.55	187,860
THIGHS		18-19	23.37	141,330
B/S THIGHS		60-61	61.30	85,220
WINGS (WHOLE)		44-45	47.99	291,950
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.01	27,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		15-20	17.13	12,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		30-35	35.47	34,600

NCLUDES NY CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	980	135.00-147.00	140-142	140.96
TENDERLOINS	119	158.00-187.00	-	170.11
BREAST - WITH RIBS	284	79.00-94.00	-	84.23
FRONT HALVES	240	64.00	-	64.00
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	679	13.00-16.00	14-15	14.23
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,306	15.00-17.00	17	16.82
WINGS (WHOLE)	200	39.00-51.00	39	41.40
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,080	15.00-16.00	-	15.56

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/05	08/01	08/01	07/29	07/25
ALA	4,154	4,054	4.96	4,081	5.16
ARK	5,493	5,002	4.97	5,194	4.87
DELMARVA	2,264	2,395	5.04	2,230	5.06
KY-LA-TN	1,941	1,957	4.45	2,008	4.42
MISS	2,887	2,968	5.24	2,902	5.26
NC	2,669	2,595	5.72	2,494	5.78
TEXAS	2,451	2,517	4.70	2,438	4.78
TOTAL	21,859	21,488	5.02	21,347	5.06
MON	21,859(A)			21,347(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 5-Aug 2002 is estimated to be 32,704,000 up 2.09 percent from a week ago and up 5.52 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,033,000 last year 30,994,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	966	137.00-219.00	146-152	149.48
TENDERLOINS	128	105.00-185.00	110-115	131.91
BREAST - LINE RUN	119	79.00-88.00	80-82	82.51
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	90	18.00-36.00	18-19	19.25
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	441	12.00-17.00	12-13	13.46
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,300	14.00-26.00	17-19	18.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	43.00-53.00	46-48	50.94
WINGS (CUT)	451	56.00-67.00	57-59	58.98
DRUMSTICKS	66	36.00-42.00	-	36.59
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUG 05, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.25 - 41.00	38.03	38.56

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 05-AUG - 09-AUG 2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	140.00 - 157.00	145.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	78.00 - 101.00	79.00 - 85.00
LEGS	19.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14.00 - 19.00	16.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	22.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	16.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	36.00 - 59.00	43.00 - 46.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	82
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85-89
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	-
FROZEN DUCKS	-
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	94-95
ICE PACK	104-113
DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	-
ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS	152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

02-AUG-2002

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00-16.00	13.50-15.00	706,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.90	13.90		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00	10.50-12.50	1,080,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	11.42		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair scheduled at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 05-AUG-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11.75	8.5-9	8.84

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

02-AUG-2002

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-18.00	-	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.75			
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00	11.00-14.00	1,420,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	11.59		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were generally adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-AUG-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY CENTS/LB.	WTD	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.5-10.5	8.25-8.75		8.43
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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